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CONDUCTING AN ARRAY OF
CHEMICAL REACTIONS ON A
SUPPORT SURFACE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant is submitting the following amendments for the attached application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

At page 2, lines 4-5, please delete "This is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/754,614 filed September 4, 1991, pending," and insert ~~This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/314,456, filed May 18, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/465,761, filed June 6, 1995 (Now U.S. Patent No. 5,985,551), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/068,540, filed May 27, 1993 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,474,796), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/754,614, filed September 4, 1991, abandoned, --.~~

At page 4, line 25, change "tetrafluoro-" to --tridecafluoro- --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-17.

Please add following new Claims 18-27.